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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
290 Broadway, 19th Floor, Room W-20
New York, NY 10007-1866

Attention: Ms. Sharon J. Jaffess
Remedial Project Manager

Subject: April 27, 2000 EPA Letter
Passaic River Study Area
Administrative Order on Consent Index No. II-CERCLA-0117
Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study - Creel/Angler Survey

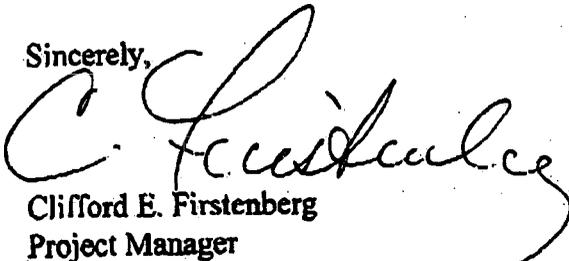
Dear Ms. Jaffess:

This letter will serve to acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced letter on April 28, 2000, and to request a meeting to discuss the disapproval of CLH's Creel/Angler Survey (Survey), as provided in paragraph 49(b) of the Administrative Order on Consent referenced above.

As indicated in the letter, CLH has already requested a meeting with EPA to discuss the Survey, and that meeting was tentatively agreed-to between CLH, its consultants, and EPA for Tuesday, May 23, 2000. Following receipt of your letter, I contacted the CLH team and there are key personnel who can not meet within 10 days following receipt of EPA's letter. However, CLH and its consultants are still prepared to meet on May 23rd and I request your understanding in keeping the meeting as previously scheduled.

Please let me know if meeting on May 23, 2000 will be acceptable to the Agency.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation
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